



Valley Forge National Historical Park **Construction Project Updates**

February 5, 2007

Project Management Weekly Update

Week of January 29th, 2007 – February 3rd, 2007

Accomplishments at Washington's Headquarters:

- a. Washington's Headquarters (Phase I) is 99% complete. The remaining punch list items are reseeding the historic landscape and the realignment of 30ft of walkway, both of which will be completed in the spring due to current weather conditions.

Accomplishments Inner Line Drive and Parking lot removal:

- a. Cleaned 17,000 linear feet of road material from the Historic Hand Laid Stone Gutters and reset damaged or missing stones. Due to cold weather conditions, work has been postponed for a later date.
- b. Tower Road and parking lot has 100% of the filling, grading and contouring completed. The remaining filling, grading and contouring will be completed by January 31, 2007. The final raking and seeding will take place in the spring.

Work Plan for week of February 5th through February 10th, 2007

Development of David Walker Farmstead for Montessori Children's School

- a. The package for this project is being produced for the Development and Advisory Board in Denver.

Structural Stabilization of Knox's Quarters

- a. Preparations for the contracting of Title III A/E services have begun.
- b. Actual work is to take place in 2 phases to structurally stabilize the building. A PMIS project statement for the completion of all the work beyond structural stabilization is also being developed to bring the structure to a usable condition.

*****PA Route 23:**

- a. The first phase of major road improvements will *tentatively* begin in the park on **February 12, 2007**. Route 23 will be closed to traffic and detoured through the park

from 9:00 p.m. through 5 a.m. Monday through Friday beginning February 1, 2007.
See below for more information

*****ROAD CLOSURES AND DETOURS*****

West Inner Line along with Inner Line Spur will remain closed due to unsafe conditions.

Inner Line Drive will be CLOSED and will remain closed until the gutter work is finished and the road surface has been milled down. The closure will be from the intersection of Valley Forge Road (RT 23) to Gulph Road this includes Inner Line Spur Road, and from Gulph Road to Artillery Park Picnic Area. The reason for this closure is that in many places along the Inner Line where the Gutters have been cleaned there is as much as a 6" drop off from the road surface to the gutter. This drop-off presents a safety hazard to vehicles. Inner Line will also be closed to pedestrians and bicycle traffic. The machinery that is being used presents a hazard to visitors.

Pennsylvania State Route 23 ("Valley Forge Road"): The first phase of major road improvements will tentatively begin in the Park on **Monday February 26, 2007**. Route 23 will be closed to traffic and detoured through the park from 9:00 p.m. through 5 a.m. Monday through Friday beginning February 12, 2007. The period of construction may last until August, 2007. The road closure will be from the intersection of RT 23 "Valley Forge Road" and County Line Road to the intersection of RT 23 and Richards Road. The detour will be clearly identified with directional signs as well as traffic control flagging personnel.

This road closure will allow the Utility Companies for water, electric, gas and telecommunications to relocate their equipment within the new utility corridor. This utility corridor realignment is required because of the realignment of RT 23 from County Line road to Richards's road. This is the first phase of a much larger PennDot construction project which will rebuild the Trooper Road Bridge crossing the Schuylkill River, widen PA Route 422 in both directions and improve the on and off ramps on RT 422 at Valley Forge and Trooper roads.